



Staff News

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*The Karl Holton Safety Committee recognizes treatment teams every year for being injury free. The Donner Treatment Team was recently awarded the Karl Holton Safety Award 2000 for their efforts in maintaining a safe working environment for four years. (l to rt) Superintendent **Eugenia Ortega** presented the unit award and jackets to **Terry Bickle**, PA I; **Cozetta Gray**, SYCC; and **Dan Valdez**, TTS.*

YA Soccer Team Headed for San Bernardino

The CYA/Central Valley Combined Soccer Team is headed for the 2000 California Police and Fire Games in San Bernardino.

In 1994, a group of law enforcement officers from different agencies came together to form a competitive soccer team that communities throughout the Central Valley would be proud of. The team was formed by members from the Stockton Police Department, San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department, and the YA. They have become known as the "Central Valley Combo" team.

The team has had successes winning two bronze medals and a silver medal. This year, the goal is to win the gold. The YA soccer-ballers are **Fernando Zapien**, YCC, Karl Holton; **Doug Wells**, parole agent, N. A. Chaderjian; **John Prelip**, parole agent, (Please see **Wells** on pg 3)

Governor Names Erlich and Gantt to YOPB & YA

Gov. **Gray Davis** has announced the appointment of **Constance G. Erlich** as administrative representative to the Youthful Offender Parole Board (YOPB). Ms. Erlich has recently been doing contract work with the YOPB, but from 1996 to 1997, she served as an intern with the California Bankers Association. From 1992 to 1994, Ms. Erlich worked for then-Senator **Robert Presley**. She earned her bachelor of arts degree from California State University, Sacramento and a juris doctorate degree from McGeorge School of Law. The position does not require Senate confirmation. Ms. Erlich started in her new position June 1.

Gov. Davis also appointed **Mark W. Gantt** as the YA's assistant director of Program Compliance. Mr. Gantt has been a member of the Stockton Police Department since 1973. Currently, he is the captain of the Investigations Division, and is responsible for overseeing the gang section of the Homicide Unit, the Vice and Narcotics Unit, and the Family Crimes Unit. Mr. Gantt also acted as the EEOC/Affirmative Action officer for the department. In that capacity he investigated all harassment complaints, developed equal employment goals, produced quarterly reports and attended quarterly meetings of the Equal Employment Commission.

Mr. Gantt earned a bachelor of arts degree from California State University, Sacramento and a master of science degree from California State Polytechnic in Pomona. Mr. Gantt's appointment is August 7.

Gomes appointed YA Safety Officer

Chief Deputy Director (A) **Michael Gallegos** recently announced the appointment of **Frank Gomes** as the department's safety officer. Mr. Gomes will take the lead in the further development of the YA's Health and Safety program.

"He brings to this new challenge a valued background of departmental positions including institutions, parole, and education," Mr. Gallegos said. Mr. Gomes will work out of the Labor Relations, Employee Assistance and Safety Office. The position is a Staff Services Manager I.

Creating a safe working environment is a high priority in the YA.

CalPERS Long-Term Care Enrollment into its Final Week

CalPERS started an open enrollment period for the Long-Term Care Program on April 1, 2000, and will run through June 30.

All employees, tenures, and time bases are eligible and you don't have to be a PERS member. If you would like to request free information and an enrollment kit call 1-800-266-1050, or you may get pamphlets in your personnel office.

CYA Co-Hosts First National Symposium on Juvenile Corrections-Based Victim Services

By **J. P. Tremblay**
Victims Specialist

More than 80 juvenile justice and victim services professionals from 30 different states exchanged ideas and discussed potential improvements to this nation's victim services network at a three-day symposium on Juvenile Corrections-Based Victim Services June 8 through June 10 in Sacramento.

The symposium, co-sponsored by the YA, the National Center for Victims of Crime and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Victims of Crime, drew representatives from as far away as Hawaii, Maine, and Florida.

The session opened Thursday, with welcoming remarks by YA Director **Jerry Harper** who spoke of the need for cooperation between all levels of the criminal and juvenile justice system. Joining Mr. Harper and other participants at the session were former YA Directors **James Rowland** and **Francisco "Frank" Alarcon**.

Mr. Rowland, who is widely recognized as the "father of the victim's rights movement," was the keynote speaker at the meeting. Mr. Alarcon was representing Florida's juvenile justice system.

Mr. Rowland said there are two points that anyone in the correctional system should understand; first that victims are a powerful force for change and second that offenders can change their criminal behavior.

He also said despite what some politicians might think, "restorative justice is not soft on crime. It is tough on crime because

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Three YA educators received awards from the YA and were recognized at the Achieving Schools Conference awards banquet on May 24 in Anaheim. Those attending were (lt to rt) **Dave Crosson**, administrator Compensatory Education; **Cindy Douglas**, IASA program coordinator/teacher and Program of the Year recipient from Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp; **Glenda Pressley**, assistant principal; **Joy Kobayashi**, teaching assistant and Teaching Assistant of the Year from Johanna Boss High School; **Howard Lee**, supervisor of correctional education programs, Education Southern Region; **Robert Blake**, teacher and Teacher of the Year from Johanna Boss High School; and **Dorrine Davis**, deputy director/superintendent of education.



VIP of Orange County Recognizes Achievers

The Volunteers In Parole (VIP) of Orange County held their annual recognition awards luncheon in May. The event drew more than 150 guests who saw South Coast Parole's **Ada Ray Heard**, PA I, (center) receive the "Outstanding Parole Agent" award. Pictured with Ms. Heard are parolee **Tischella N. Williams** (lt) and parolee **George B. Cumpian** (rt) who were recognized for "Outstanding Achievement." VIP is an organization of attorneys who volunteer to mentor parolees from the YA and the California Department of Corrections as they make their transition to society.

Retirements

Preston YCF's **Art Belton**, PA I, wins the retirement announcement award for the fiscal year. According to **Joanne Richmond**, Mr. Belton was to return from vacation when he called to say, "I am retired now." Thus ended his 31 year and three months career with the YA, and Preston where he served his entire career.

Mr. Belton's friends organized his retirement party which will take place July 12 at the Buena Vista Restaurant and Saloon in Ione. The menu is tri-tip and beans at \$12 per person. The ticket includes gift and gratuity.

If you are interested in spending an evening with Mr. Belton, the celebration will go from six in the evening until the tales run out. Call **Mike Reeves**, (209) 274-8218, **Josette Tanner**, (209) 274-8226, or **Tom Palacios** (209) 944-1374.

Victims Symposium

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you (as an offender) are required to face your offense and change."

Throughout the three-day meeting the YA was utilized as an example of outstanding programs and services for victims of juvenile crime. Presentations were given on the department's victim notification process, restitution collection and the Impact of Crime on Victims classes. In addition the participants looked at several issues, such as "The culture of Juvenile Corrections and Victim Services" and the "Unique Characteristics of Victims of Juvenile Offenders."

Kip Lowe, deputy director of the Office of Prevention and Victims Services gave presentations on promising practices in juvenile corrections-based victim services and principals and practices in juvenile corrections. Joining Lowe as presenters were Victims Services Specialist **Jill Weston** and Victims Services Specialist **Cynthia Florez-DeLyon**.

Obituary

Retired former YA clerical supervisor **Betty Jane Ogburn Bingham** died recently in Stockton. Mrs. Bingham was 77 years old. She lived in Stockton for more than 30 years and worked for various State of California departments as well as the YA. She is survived by two daughters, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Employees of the Month

July

DeWitt Nelson
Shahidah Salahuddin
YCC

Staff Movement

Correction (the oops variety)

In the last Staff News edition we reported that **Richard Mahoney** was promoted to Senior Psychologist for the Intensive Treatment Program at the Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center and Clinic. Mr. Mahoney was promoted, but not moved to SYCRCC. He is at the ITP at Herman G. Stark YCF. Dr. **Lina Jurilla-Pastrana** continues as the senior psychologist at the SYCRCC's ITP and is not going anywhere. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Eleanor Silva, PIO, reports from N. A. Chaderjian YCF that **Vickie Contreras**, who has been serving as a limited-term SYCC at Karl Holton YCF, has returned to Chad as a full-time SYCC.

Nic Hatfield, OSS II, Master Files Unit, reports that **Jolene Nunez** has promoted to OT and moves to the Department of Corrections' CSP-Sacramento office. **Patricia Morrison**, YA administrator, Program Support Unit, Institutions and Camps, welcomed new OT **Gregory Trotter**. Mr. Trotter comes to the YA from the California Highway Patrol's Facilities Planning Unit.

Welcome and congratulations to all.

Wells Raises Funds

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South Coast Parole; and player/coach, TTS **Victor Zapien** from N. A. Chaderjian.

Mr. Wells has also served as a team "booster." Trips to the Police Games cost money. Mr. Wells coordinated a fundraiser to offset some of the costs for this trip to San Bernardino. He was able to raise \$200 that will be used for soccer equipment and other expenses for the CYA/combined soccer team.

He wishes to thank the Chad staff for contributing to their quest.

Staff News Deadlines

We want to announce deadlines for the next three months of publications for the *Staff News*. This should help any of you who may want to submit articles or pictures. This will be especially helpful in getting announcements of retirement parties or events planned by staff.

Deadline	Edition
June 28	July 5
July 13	July 19
July 27	August 2
August 10	August 16
August 24	August 30

Send 35mm or digital photos only. You can E-Mail or snail-mail the articles. Remember, this is your *Staff News*. Catch a staff member doing something special and send it in.

Julio Calderón, Editor



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